**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE EVERETTE “RHETT” HAIR, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND OUR COUNTRY, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, Everette “Rhett” Hair, director of Veterans Affairs for Fairfield County, soon will step down from his position to enjoy the fruits of his labor in retirement; and

Whereas, a retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, this patriotic American served over twenty years’ honorable active service as a torpedoman’s mate and range master/small arms instructor. After retiring, Rhett was employed by Fairfield County as a paramedic for seventeen years, attaining the rank of lieutenant; and

Whereas, further, he has served as a substitute high school teacher for Richland District Two; and

Whereas, for more than three years, he has served as the Fairfield County director of Veterans Affairs, in which position he has brought the office into the digital age by converting more than 3,900 paper records to digital format; and

Whereas, Rhett believes strongly in active involvement with his community. He is a member of the Blythewood Lions Clubs International, which he served as president, and he was South Carolina’s Lion of the Year in 2014. Rhett is now vice council chairman for the Lions Clubs of South Carolina. For his excellence in service, he has been awarded the Lions Clubs International President’s Leadership Medal; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Rhett finds his spiritual home at Living Springs Lutheran Church, where he is a member; and

Whereas, Rhett and his wife, Melody, also a retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, are the proud parents of three children and the delighted grandparents of seven; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent excellence and commitment Rhett Hair has bestowed on this great State, most particularly Fairfield County, the members of the South Carolina Senate wish him all the best and trust that as he enters retirement he will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Everette “Rhett” Hair, director of Veterans Affairs for Fairfield County, on the occasion of his retirement, extend deep appreciation for his many years of outstanding service to Fairfield County and our country, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Everette “Rhett” Hair.

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